

# AZCCC Health Disparities Committee

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# Committee History and Purpose

- New committee of the AZCCC
- Disparity related issues were continually addressed in each section during the writing of the plan
- Decision to add dedicated section to highlight importance of the
- **Purpose:** to recommend additional objectives and/or strategies relating to disparities
- Initial focus will be to recruit and expand membership

# Accomplishments

- Reviewed assets & barriers submitted by committee members
- Categorized and finalized list of assets & barriers
- Will be used to develop strategies
- Received funding for cultural competency training

# AZCCC Mini-Grant

Will be the first collaborative training aimed at:

- ❑ Educating the general cancer community about cancer disparities in Arizona
- ❑ Offering cultural competency and cultural relevance training
- ❑ Offering outreach skill-building training
- ❑ Sharing best practices from across the state and the nation
- ❑ Highlighting and promoting existing successful efforts in reaching underserved communities



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- Goal: Increase cultural competency skills among the cancer control community in Arizona.
  - Objective: By June 2006, provide a cultural competence training workshop, open to cancer control community of Arizona.
- Proposed project is a (minimum) one-day cultural competency workshop/training with a public health track and clinical track
  - Including general sessions, breakout sessions addressing disparity-related issues
  - Breakouts will include public health and community-based best practice examples and skill building opportunities, as well as provider education and clinical best practice examples

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Will help accomplish the following plan objectives:

- ❧ Objective 7.2: By 2006, conduct training on cultural diversity in collaboration with the Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC) in an effort to inform cancer coalition members about current culturally sensitive practices and strategies.
- ❧ Objective 7.3: Increase public awareness about cancer health disparities in Arizona as they relate to prevention, screening, treatment, and quality of life & survivorship.
- ❧ Objective 7.5: Increase provider education and training initiatives offered to medical, nursing, public health, and pharmacy students as well as residents in an effort to educated future health care providers about the current disparities in cancer care facing our state.



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- Will need a mini task force from AZCCC Disparities Committee members to assist with content, event planning, etc.
- Immediate first task is conducting a pre-survey of current cultural competency levels and needs of the AZCCC Coalition membership (post-survey will also be developed).
- Overall content of the training will be based on the results of pre-survey.

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## Activities to be accomplished:

- By January 2006, create small task force of individuals from Disparities Committee to plan training.
- By February 2006, create Community Advisory Panel, per review committee's request
- By February 2006, develop cultural competence pre-survey, using existing resources and/or tools, and distribute to AZCCC Coalition partners.
- By February 2006, review existing training modules and materials and develop content & structure for training, including topics.

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## Activities (continued):

- By March 2006, identify collaborating partners to assist with planning of, contribute to content of, or sponsor the training.
- By April 2006, secure presenters for general and breakout sessions.
- By April 2006, develop materials for training, including invitations, evaluation forms, AZCCC Coalition post-survey, etc.
- By May 2006, distribute invitations through AZCCC Coalition and other partners.
- June 2006, host workshop/training.



# Next Steps

- February 16, 2006
- Review, revise, develop strategies to address health disparities
- Identify top priorities to address over the next 12-18 months

